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## **RABIN SAYS THE U.S. IS RENEGING ON ITS PROMISE TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH \$550 M IN TRANSITIONAL AID**

Others Urge Israel To Drop Its Demand  
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 8 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin last night defended Israel's demand for the \$550 million in aid from the U.S. for the transitional quarter between the end of fiscal 1976 and the start of fiscal 1977 and expressed disappointment by the U.S. "going back on its promise." But the Premier, addressing the "Tzavta" cultural club in Tel Aviv, softened this statement by pointing out that U.S. aid to Israel from the Yom Kippur War to the start of fiscal 1977 would exceed \$7 billion. He characterized the dispute over the transition quarter funding as "a difference of opinion between friends."

But another public figure intimated last night that Israel should show the U.S. that it can stand on its own feet by dropping attempts to obtain the transitional quarter funding and raising the needed money at home. In a tough speech to the Labor Party's Achdut Avodah faction in Tel Aviv, former Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben Aharon said the Treasury could find the money by energetically cracking down on tax evaders. He claimed that millions of un-taxed dollars were earned in Israel every year.

The left-leaning Ben Aharon's view was supported by the rightist journalist, Dr. Herzl Rosenblum of Yediot Achronot, and by Avraham Shavit, leader of the Employers Association, thus crossing ideological lines. Rosenblum contended in an editorial today that Ben Aharon's proposal represented the redemption "of our national honor." But he accused the Ford Administration of breach of faith. Yeruham Meshel, Histadrut Secretary General, also said he was against continued pressure on the U.S. for the \$550 million. "We should prove to them that money is not everything and that national honor means a great deal to us."

The furor over the transitional quarter funding, currently before the U.S. Congress, came to a head this week when President Ford informed Congressional leaders that he would veto the entire foreign aid package if it included additional funds for Israel and some 50 other nations to cover the three-month gap between the two fiscal years.

## **Plays Down Crisis Atmosphere**

Rabin claimed that the Administration had specifically promised Israel the additional funds which have been included in Israel's national budget for the new fiscal year. He said last night that Israel's demand was "legitimate" because Israel was entitled to expect aid from its friends.

However, Rabin played down the "crisis" atmosphere that has surrounded the transitional quarter issue. He declared that the U.S. is "essentially a genuine friend of Israel interested in our welfare and supplying us with generous amounts of military and economic assistance." He said that "Even while we continue our efforts to obtain the promised funds and even though we are disappointed by the U.S. going back

on its promises, we must remember that from Oct. 1973 to the American fiscal year in Oct. 1977 we will have received \$7 billion worth of military aid."

Continuing, Rabin stated, "Certainly there are differences between us and the U.S., but there are many more common interests that bind us and the Israel government believes in narrowing the differences and strengthening our bonds." However, Rabin added, "this does not mean we will not speak up and voice our objections when we feel some injustice is being done to us."

## **'Unfair Interference' Questioned**

A "Western diplomatic source" told newsmen in Tel Aviv today that if it is true that Israel is pressuring Congress over the head of the Ford Administration to write the transitional quarter funding into the foreign aid bill, it was exerting unfair interference in American internal affairs. The source, who was also described by some as a "senior American diplomatic source," chided the Israeli Treasury for building a budget on monies not yet received or approved.

He conceded that the failure to provide Israel with the additional \$550 million would create some problems for this country but they would not be crucial ones, according to the source. The source disagreed sharply with the prognosis by Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Zamber who contended yesterday that if Israel failed to receive the additional funding unemployment here would reach 80,000 this year. Zamber was also taken to task by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz for that remark.

(In Washington, the State Department today gave no support to the statement by the "Western diplomatic source," believed by some here to be Ambassador Malcolm Toon, regarding possible pressure on Congress for the \$550 million. "Quite obviously, that is not our view," John Trattner, a Department spokesman, said when he was asked about the report.)

## **TOON CRITICIZES ISRAELI PRESS FOR ONE-SIDED REPORTING ON EXTENT OF U.S. GOVERNMENTAL, PRIVATE AID**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 8 (JTA)--U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon today criticized the Israeli press for failing to describe the extent of American governmental and private aid to Israel while it elaborated the Ford Administration's opposition to foreign aid funding for the transitional quarter from which Israel would receive an additional \$550 million. The U.S. envoy made his remarks at ceremonies dedicating a new immigrant hostel at Holon, south of Tel Aviv. The facility was built with United Jewish Appeal and U.S. government aid funds.

Toon noted that the U.S. has provided \$108 million over the last three years to help Israel absorb immigrants from the Soviet Union. While that sum may not seem very big in relation to America's total foreign aid or to the funds spent by Israel for the purpose, it was nevertheless substantial, Toon said. He declared that America, as a nation of immigrants, will do everything it

can to help immigrants settle in Israel.

Referring to Israeli press criticism of the Administration's position on transitional quarter funding, Toon observed that last week tons of newsprint were used to deal with American economic and military aid to Israel. While the public reaction is understandable, it should have been possible to devote part of that newsprint to describe American governmental and private aid to Israel, Toon said.

The dedication ceremonies were presided over by Yosef Almogi, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, who noted that the new hostel will serve mainly single immigrants. He promised that the absorption of single immigrants henceforth will receive special attention from the Jewish Agency.

#### POLICE SEARCHING FOR SNIPER

TEL AVIV, April 8 (JTA)--Police in Tel Aviv are searching for a man who they describe as a "lunatic" who has been shooting at bus passengers and people waiting for buses. The latest case occurred today when a 17-year-old girl from Holon was shot on a bus travelling from Tel Aviv to Holon. Police believe the assailant was the same person who wounded three passengers on a bus in southern Tel Aviv yesterday. Two of the persons were hit directly by bullets and the third by splinters.

Police at first said yesterday's incident was a bomb explosion but later investigation found it to be a shooting. In both yesterday's and today's incidents the assailant was on the bus and escaped when the driver opened the doors to enable the other passengers to escape.

Two persons were injured in similar attacks last week, one at the Central Bus Station here and the other while standing at a bus stop near Tel Aviv. Police, who are using the help of psychiatrists in their investigation, said the gunman has either a .22 caliber gun or an improvised device capable of shooting bullets.

#### TENSION, UNDERCURRENT OF HOSTILITY PERSISTS IN ARAB GALILEE VILLAGES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 8 (JTA)--Tension and an undercurrent of bitterness and hostility persisted in Arab villages in Galilee today, more than a week after the Communist-precipitated Arab general strike and the bloody riots that accompanied it. Some of the tension is attributed to the fact that scores of villagers, mostly youths, are still in detention awaiting trial for attacking security forces and damaging property during the riots.

Israeli authorities have refused appeals from local elders to release the youths on grounds that the "hotheads" have learned their lesson. The authorities insist that the law must take its course and those found guilty will be punished.

The situation has been aggravated by the attempts of local Arab leaders who had opposed the general strike and violence to re-establish their image among the townspeople and villagers. The village heads in such places as Saknin, Araba and Dier Hanna, scenes of some of the worst rioting last week, are now blaming Israeli security forces for provoking the violence. It was these same leaders, Israeli sources say, who urgently summoned Israeli police to protect them and their property from the rioters.

Zaki Diab, head of the local council in Tamra village, had his car burned by a mob after he

tried to calm them during the disturbances. The insurance company refused to pay him for the loss of his car because the policy does not cover riots. The government, however, will compensate Diab from a special fund.

Meanwhile, the child care center at Tamra remains closed because the Jewish physician and nurses refuse to return unless they are given special protection. The clinic was badly damaged by stone-throwing youths. Similar clinics were reopened in other Arab villages after the authorities provided protection for their personnel.

#### BRAZILIAN GOV'T. HAS SAID NO TO PLO OFFICE, BUT APPROVAL EVENTUALLY DUE

By David Markus

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 8 (JTA)--The Brazilian Foreign Ministry said today the government had not approved opening of a Palestine Liberation Organization office in Brasilia but informed sources said that eventual approval was a certainty. The Foreign Ministry statement was in the form of a denial of an announcement by Ibrahim Abdalla, chief of the Arab League office in Rio, that such approval had been given.

The Foreign Ministry admitted contacts with PLO representatives but insisted that "the government of Brazil considers herself entirely free to examine all aspects of the question." The sources said that Foreign Ministry officials had been irritated by the Abdalla announcement, calling it "a kind of pressure" against the government.

The sources said that one result of Abdalla's announcement would be a delay in approval of the projected PLO office. Abdalla had announced that the PLO would shortly open an office in Brasilia for all Latin American activities. He also said that Sala Zawawi, 39, arrived here last week to head the PLO office and that Zawawi had a letter from PLO chief Yasir Arafat to President Ernesto Geisel and to Foreign Minister Azeredo de Silveira.

Abdalla also had asserted that a PLO delegation had been on a secret mission to Brasilia last November and that Silveira, in receiving the delegation, had "agreed to the opening of a PLO center in Brasilia for all Latin America."

#### DINITZ AFFIRMS THAT ISRAEL IS NOT A NUCLEAR POWER

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, April 8 (JTA)--Simcha Dinitz, the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, reiterated here today Israel's denial that it is a nuclear power. "Israel is not a nuclear country and we shall never be the first country to introduce nuclear weapons in the Middle East," he told a press conference. "Regarding our capacity to build such bombs, it is simply theoretical."

Dinitz, in Montreal to address a dinner of the Friends of the Ben Gurion University, also affirmed that Israel will never pay "political blackmail" to Syria for the renewal of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in the Golan Heights when the mandate expires at the end of May. He said the stationing of UNDOF was part of the disengagement agreement between Israel and Syria.

On the Lebanese situation, the Israeli envoy said that the strife there has demonstrated that no Arab country will tolerate a minority within its borders. He said if Syria takes over control of Lebanon this will add another confrontation state on Israel's borders.

Referring to last week's Arab riots in the Galilee, Dinitz said they were incited by the Communists. He expressed "pride" in Israel's democracy which permitted the Communist Party to function, with all the risks that it involved. He noted that the upcoming municipal elections on the West Bank will be the most democratic ever in that area, since for the first time women and non-property owners will vote.

#### **SHARON CRITICIZES GOVERNMENT FOR FAILING TO STAND UP TO THE U.S.**

By Yitzhak Shargil.

TEL AVIV, April 8 (JTA)--Reserve Gen. Ariel Sharon declared that he resigned as an advisor to Premier Yitzhak Rabin because the present government is incapable of standing up to the United States. He said Israel must risk confrontation and stand up to Washington if it does not want to be abandoned by the U.S. as was South Vietnam. Sharon's remarks were made during an interview Tuesday on the popular "Moked" television program, an Israeli "Meet the Press" type show.

The popular general, who was one of the founders of the Likud opposition, called for a direct election of the Premier rather than the present system of election by the coalition in control of the Knesset. He urged the government to introduce plans, which he said are now totally lacking for the border question, the economy, and the social structure. There must be plans, targets, and goals for which people can strive, he said.

But most of the hour-long program was devoted to security questions. He declared that the second interim agreement with Egypt has not reduced the chances of war. He claimed that while there have been reports that one-third of the Egyptian army has returned to civilian life, not one single unit has actually been cut. Sharon said what has happened is that modernization of the Egyptian army has increased its fire power and thus allowed for reducing the number of men as an economy move.

Challenging the government's contention that the rebuilding of the Egyptian towns along the Suez Canal showed an indication of an Egyptian desire for peace, Sharon said that the Egyptians have stated that the Soviet surface-to-surface Scud missile is a reply to the danger of Israeli attacks on the canal towns.

#### **U.S. Has Reneged On Promises**

Sharon charged that Israel was pressured by the U.S. to sign the Sinai agreement in return for certain promises that have not been kept. He said there was a promise made that there would not be any American pressure for further withdrawals for at least three years. But even before the ink was dried new pressures were exerted, he said. He said the government claimed that signing the agreement would increase American-Israeli friendship, instead there has never been such a deterioration in U.S.-Israeli relations as now.

The government also claimed that the agreement would isolate Syria, Sharon said, but in reality it is Israel that is isolated while Syria is being supported by the U.S. for her actions in Lebanon.

Sharon charged that even Americans are surprised to see how easily the government gives in to pressure from Washington. He said Israel should tell the U.S. what its bottom line is beyond which it will not succumb to pressure.

Ambassador William Scranton's speech in the United Nations Security Council March 23 was only a feeler by the Americans to see how much Israel will take, Sharon said. He said the U.S. veto two days later in the Security Council will cost Israel dearly. "If we have to depend our future on the will of the Americans, we have nothing to do here," Sharon declared.

He said it was time to risk a confrontation with the U.S. but for this Israel must be united economically and socially. During the interview, Sharon denied that the American airlift to Israel during the Yom Kippur War was Israel's lifeline that saved the Jewish State. It was not, he said.

#### **8 GET PRISON TERMS FOR HAVING FORMED A CRIMINAL RING THAT SOLD \$1.2 MILLION WORTH OF HEROIN**

BONN, April 8 (JTA)--Six Israelis, an American and a German were sentenced to prison terms of up to nine-and-a-half years at the end of a four-month drug trial here yesterday, said to have been the biggest drug trial ever held in West Germany. The accused were charged with forming a criminal ring that sold \$1.2 million worth of heroin. A battery of 32 lawyers was employed by the defense.

According to testimony during the trial, the ring was formed in January 1974 by Joseph (Big Joe) Amiel, 33, a Frankfurt restaurant owner originally from Tel Aviv. His closest associate was identified as Jeshaja Feinsilber, 30, also from Tel Aviv, who was accused of buying heroin from Chinese dealers in Amsterdam. Another Israeli, 28-year-old Baruch Bar-Ziv, described as an impressario, allegedly carried the drugs into West Germany by rail, car and air.

Amy Devore, 18, from New York, aided the ring, according to the testimony, by concealing the heroin in her pantyhose during customs inspection at the Dutch border. Shimon Rimmon, a farmer from Israel, was accused of mixing the heroin with vinegar and powdered milk in which form it was wrapped for selling. The other defendants were accused of acting as "pushers."

The long trial produced its share of sensations. Amiel escaped from custody before the hearings started. Another defendant, Josef Hozmi, attempted suicide while in prison, and co-defendant Josef Jakob had to be placed in an isolation ward after appearing in court under the influence of drugs he obtained from other prisoners.

#### **COL HIKES APPROVED**

TEL AVIV, April 8 (JTA)--An agreement was signed between Histadrut and the Coordinating Committee of Economic Organizations last night providing a 10.1 percent increase in the cost-of-living allowance, retroactive to April 1. The Committee represents all employers in Israel. The maximum COL allowance will be IL 404 per month, subject to income tax. The increase, however, amounts to only 70 percent of the actual rise in living costs. \*\*\*

LONDON (JTA)--The United Nations General Assembly's resolution equating Zionism with racism was overwhelmingly condemned at the annual conference of the United Nations Association of Great Britain, held in Cambridge. The conference also urged the Palestine Liberation Organization to recognize Israel which, in turn, should accept PLO representation in peace negotiations. \*\*\*

Reminder: There will be no Bulletin dated April 16 due to the Passover holiday.

## SPECIAL TO THE JTA ARGENTINIAN JEW SAYS 'MILITARY JUNTA POSES NO THREATS TO JEWS

NEW YORK, April 8 (JTA)--The seizure of power by the military junta in Argentina will not have any special effect on the Jewish community, it was reported today by an Argentinian Jew who is close to the political scene in Buenos Aires. Because of the sensitivity of his position he asked not to be identified.

The Argentinian, who was interviewed here, said: "There are no indications that the junta will adopt any special policies toward the Jews. It will be no better and no worse for the Jews than for the general population. There is no doubt that there are anti-Semitic elements in the army and we must wait and see how much of a role they will be permitted to play. At the moment the military leaders are more concerned with stabilizing the economy and reestablishing political and economic morality as quickly as possible."

### Everyone Wanted The Coup

Everyone knew that the coup was coming and everyone wanted it, he continued. "Economically the country was at a disaster point. Inflation was close to 400 percent for the year and there were no signs of it easing up. Corruption was widespread. The international balance of payments was soaring in Argentina's disfavor and the country had virtually exhausted its credit. Almost any change would have been an improvement."

There was a slight increase in emigration to Israel in the final months of President Isabel Peron's regime. "Lower middle-class Jews, especially, found it almost impossible to survive," he said. "The purchasing power of the peso evaporated faster than they could accumulate them. They lost hope for making a life for themselves and their children in Argentina and they left."

Even at that, he continued, fewer than 1500 Jews left Argentina during 1975; there are about 450,000 Jews in the country. He believed the junta would end even that small movement. "Everyone expects the junta to stabilize conditions and fewer people will be leaving," he said. "As for the future, I believe the Jewish community will remain in Argentina and it will prosper."

## DEDICATION CEREMONIES HELD FOR THE CANADA PARK IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 8 (JTA)--Dedication ceremonies were held in the Ayallon Valley last week for the Canada Park, a project of the Jewish National Fund in Canada, which initially covers over 1000 dunams of land near the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road. The ceremonies were attended by President Ephraim Katzir and JNF officials from Canada and Israel.

The first phase of the project, already completed with assistance from the Canadian Jewish community, includes three large parking lots, recreation sites and children's playgrounds. According to JNF plans, the Canada Park, when completed, will be the largest of its kind in the country.

James Kay, chairman of the JNF in Canada, delivered his community's greetings at the ceremony. Yaacov Tsur, chairman of the JNF Board in Israel, recounted how the idea for the park originated and expressed his gratitude to Canadian Jews for their interest and enthusiasm. Bernhard Bloomfield, who heads a special committee for the Canada Park, said the dedication

was an emotional experience. It is not very often, he said, that one sees at least the beginning of a dream come true.

The Ayallon Valley--the locale of the park--has great historical significance for Israelis and the park itself will embrace many historical and archaeological sites. The valley was important at the time of the Second Temple and was later the home of two large communities, one Jewish and one Samaritan, which existed until the Arab conquests. Of more recent historical interest is the old British police building where heroic battles took place during Israel's war for independence.

## RELEASE OF DOVES TO HERALD THE SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

NEW YORK, April 8 (JTA)--In a gesture of peace, scores of doves will be released tomorrow from the steps of Federal Hall in the Wall Street district of Manhattan to herald the 12th annual Salute to Israel Parade, it was announced today by a parade committee spokesman. The annual parade along Fifth Avenue from 57th Street to 86th Street is scheduled for June 13. Plans for this year's parade celebrating Israel's 28th anniversary will be announced at a news conference tomorrow morning in Federal Hall, just before the dove ceremony.

Participating in the news session and the dove releasing ceremony will be civic, religious and political leaders representing Israel and the United States, the parade committee spokesman said. This year's Salute to Israel Parade theme is... "Proclaim Liberty Throughout The Land..." as inscribed on the Liberty Bell.

Serving as 1976 parade chairmen are: Robert Arnov, New York philanthropist and member of the Real Estate Board of New York City; Michael J. Lazar, an attorney and former City Transportation Administrator; Raymond Patt, an attorney and past president of B'nai Zion; and Edward Prince, chairman of the National Jewish Youth Council.

Some 500,000 persons are expected to view and participate in the event. The annual parade is sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation in cooperation with more than 100 Jewish organizations and institutions. More than 50 colorful and inspiring floats and some 25 bands, and hundreds of marching contingents, from Jewish and non-Jewish groups throughout the U.S. and Canada will participate.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--A global Torah vigil will mark the 74th birthday of Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem M. Schneerson on the evening of April 10 and on April 11, it was announced here by the Lubavitch Youth Organization. Each Lubavitch regional division throughout the world will sponsor 24 hours of Torah study in their respective communities and increase activity in the Rebbe's mitzvah campaign with special emphasis on Passover mitzvot, the LYO said.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Israel's largest producer of solar water-heaters, Miromit Ltd., of Tel Aviv, has announced contracts with Greek and Turkish companies for the supply of knowhow and marketing techniques to produce similar heaters in those countries. The Israeli-made solar heaters are a familiar site on rooftops throughout Israel. The world energy crisis has focused interest on them from abroad in recent years.